



PRESS RELEASE

Marcel Buelens elected “Personality of the Year”

CEO of Antwerp International & Ostend-Brughes Airport
chosen by SME’s of Flanders

Saturday, March 18th 2017 – During the yearly Night of the SME’s Flanders (Small and Medium Enterprises) hosted in the Hilton Hotel Antwerpen, Marcel Buelens was rewarded with the “Personality of the Year” award. A total of 7 awards were handed out to enterprises and individuals who made a substantial contribution to the economy (today and tomorrow).

Since Marcel Buelens’ arrival as CEO, Antwerp International Airport has realized an impressive and sustainable passenger growth of +128%, attracted TUI as new client and added many new routes.

Mr. Buelens was elected by the members because of his “enormous efforts to revitalise Antwerp International Airport”.

In his first reaction Marcel Buelens declared: ‘This is a wonderful surprise! I wish to dedicate the trophy to the fantastic staff of Antwerp- and Ostend Airport who put in so much effort - night and day- to develop the regional airports of the future. ‘

About Antwerp International Airport

Antwerp International Airport is part of the Egis Group. 9 European routes are currently operated by 2 airlines. Besides scheduled flights, the airport caters for private- charter- and training flights. The regional airport is well known for its speedy check-in, short walking distances and affordable parking. During 2016 the airport welcomed 276.311 passengers, an increase of 24,9% compared to 2015. The number of flight movements decreased by 8,6% to 41.403 in 2016. www.antwerpairport.be

About Airport Ostend-Bruges

Ostend-Bruges International Airport is part of the French corporation Egis and consists of a new structure LOM-LEM. This new structure has created a partnership between the government which will take up a number of responsibilities concerning the basic infrastructure of the airport (the ‘airport development company’ or LOM) and the private corporation Egis which will mainly be responsible for the exploitation of the airport (the ‘airport exploitation company’ or LEM). An important proportion of the activities of the airport focuses on freight transport. Our airport also warmly welcomes its passengers, with TUI as most important airline company. The Airport of Ostend-Bruges also gives you the opportunity to fly private jets or organise business flights, training flights or ad hoc flights for special events. In 2016, we registered 434.970 passengers, an increase of 57,6% compared to 2015. www.ost.aero

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